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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. - 45. (cancelled)

46. (currently amended) A cosmetic formulation comprising (a) at least one activated aluminum compound which is effective as antiperspirant, (b) at least one α -hydroxycarboxylic acid which comprises mandelic acid and (c) water, a ratio (a) : (b) being from 15 : 1 to 1 : 1.

47. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 46, wherein (a) comprises one or more activated aluminum salts.

48. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 47, wherein (a) comprises activated aluminum chlorohydrate.

49. (cancelled)

50. (currently amended) The cosmetic formulation of claim [[49]] 46, wherein the ratio (a) :
(b) is from 12 : 1 to 2 : 1.

51. (currently amended) The cosmetic formulation of claim [[49]] 46, wherein the ratio (a) : (b) is from 10 : 1 to 2.5 : 1.

52. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 46, wherein the formulation comprises from 1% to 35% by weight of (a), based on a total weight of the formulation.

53. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 52, wherein the formulation comprises up to 25% by weight of (a).

54. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 53, wherein the formulation comprises up to 20% by weight of (a).

55. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 46, wherein the formulation comprises from 0.1% to 10% by weight of (b), based on a total weight of the formulation.

56. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 55, wherein the formulation comprises up to 8% by weight of (b).

57. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 46, wherein the formulation comprises an O/W microemulsion.

58. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 57, wherein the formulation comprises a microemulsion gel.

59. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 58, wherein the formulation comprises an oil-in-water microemulsion which comprises an oil phase, a water phase and less than 20% by weight of one or more emulsifiers, based on a total weight of the microemulsion.

60. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 59, wherein the oil phase is essentially composed of constituents of low volatility.

61. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 59, wherein the one more emulsifiers comprise one or more O/W emulsifiers selected from polyethoxylated, polypropoxylated and polyethoxylated and polypropoxylated O/W emulsifiers and one or more optional W/O emulsifiers.

62. (currently amended) The cosmetic formulation of claim 61, wherein the microemulsion is ~~obtainable~~ obtained by bringing a mixture comprising the water phase, the oil phase, the one or more O/W emulsifiers and the one or more optional W/O emulsifiers to a temperature within or above a phase inversion temperature range and subsequently cooling the mixture to room temperature.

63. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 62, wherein droplets of a discontinuous oil phase are joined together by one or more crosslinker substances whose molecules comprise at least one hydrophilic region which has a size suitable for bridging a distance between the droplets and at least one hydrophobic region which is able to enter into hydrophobic interaction with the droplets.

64. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 46, wherein the formulation has a defined yield point.

65. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 64, wherein the formulation has a yield point of from 40 to 120 Pa, determined at 25°C by means of a shear stress time ramp of 40 Pa/min.

66. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 46, wherein the formulation is suitable for application to human skin.

67. (currently amended) The cosmetic formulation of claim 46, wherein (b) consists essentially of mandelic acid.

68. (currently amended) A cosmetic formulation comprising (a) activated aluminium

chlorohydrate, (b) mandelic acid and (c) water, a ratio (a) : (b) being from 12 : 1 to 2 : 1.

69. (currently amended) The cosmetic formulation of claim 68, wherein [[a]] the ratio of (a) to (b) is from 10 : 1 to 2.5 : 1.

70. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 68, wherein the formulation comprises from 1% to 20% by weight of (a) and from 0.1% to 8% by weight of (b), each based on a total weight of the formulation.

71. (previously presented) The cosmetic formulation of claim 70, wherein the formulation comprises an O/W microemulsion.

72. (previously presented) An antiperspirant product which comprises the cosmetic formulation of claim 46.

73. (previously presented) The antiperspirant product of claim 72 which comprises a transparent antiperspirant hydrogel.

74. (currently amended) An aqueous antiperspirant preparation which comprises at least one antiperspirant activated aluminum compound and ~~at least one α -hydroxycarboxylic acid which~~

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comprises mandelic acid, a ratio of activated aluminium compound and mandelic acid being not higher than 12 : 1.

75. (cancelled)

76. (new) The cosmetic formulation of claim 46, wherein the formulation is transparent.

77. (new) The cosmetic formulation of claim 70, wherein the formulation is transparent.